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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6513**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1558

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 17, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Unauthorized Adoption Facilitation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. McMillin

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill removes language that makes it a Class A misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally provide, engage in, or facilitate adoption services to a prospective adoptive parent.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill removes language that would make it a Class A misdemeanor to provide adoption services to prospective adoptive parents who reside in the state. This bill may decrease Class A misdemeanor convictions in the state; however, any decrease is expected to be negligible.

*Penalty Provision:* If there is a reduction in court cases where fines would have been collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would decrease. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000. However, any loss of revenue would likely be small.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Penalty Provision:* A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If there is a reduction in court actions where a guilty verdict would have been entered, local governments would receive less revenue from court fees. However, any change in revenue would likely be small.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Brumbach, 232-9559.